

**Williamsburg Area Arts Commission Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2009
City of Williamsburg Municipal Building
Third Floor Conference Room**

Attendance

Present: Sophie Hart, Polly Bartlett, Terry Buntrock, Les Dubnick, Michael Kirby, Lanette McNeil, Paul Tongue, Shelley Weisberg and City Liaison, Julie Phares
Absent: Laura Barry

Welcome and Public Comment

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.
No members of the public were present.

Approval of the September 18, 2009 Minutes

Adoption of the September 18, 2009, minutes was moved by Mr. Tongue and seconded by Mr. Dubnick. Minutes were approved unanimously.

WAAC Business

October 21, 2009 Workshop on the Grant Application Process

The commissioners expressed thanks to Ms. Barry, Ms. Weisberg, Ms. Hart and Ms. Phares for preparing and presenting the workshop on the WAAC grant application process. Attendees included six current grantees and one potential applicant seeking information about how to apply. WAAC will offer the workshop again next year and will encourage those 2009-2010 grantees that not in compliance with procedures and requirements to attend. Commissioners will also remind their liaison groups about the public comment time at the beginning of each Commission meeting when they can bring any questions or comments to the group.

Grant Applications Schedule

Grant applications are due December 1, 2009, 4:00p.m.

Commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at Quarterpath Recreation Center for a brief review of the grant process and to pick up grant notebooks from Ms. Phares.

Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. on Monday, January 11, at the Quarterpath Recreation Center to process grant applications. Lunch will be provided.

The City Council Budget Session is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2010.

Commissioners will gather at 4:30 p.m. prior to the meeting.

Liaison Group Updates

Mr. Tongue reminded Commissioners that the Williamsburg Area Arts Calendar shows events up to two months in advance. He reported that the Williamsburg Symphonia's recent *Dancing Under the Stars* surpassed last year's sold out attendance of 500 tickets by an additional 100 tickets this year. The event was held in Merchants Squares as part of the expanded Occasion for the Arts.

Mr. Dubnick reported on two early fall concerts by the Virginia Symphony that were performed at St. Bede's and at the Ferguson Center, noting both were well attended.

Ms. Hart reported that she and Ms. Phares were pleased that paperwork is completed for the majority of liaison groups for the current year. She anticipates that everything will be submitted before the end of the year.

Mr. Kirby reported on the 50th Anniversary celebration for This Century Art Gallery, and shared archival information about the early years of the gallery and a 1970s-era Williamsburg Arts Council. He also made a favorable report on the recent performance of *Romeo and Juliet* by the Virginia Stage Company.

Ms. Bartlett reported that Rob Cross, CEO of the Virginia Arts Festival, has taken on an additional job as the interim executive director of the Virginia Symphony.

Ms. McNeil reminded Commissioners of the Williamsburg Players' upcoming performance of *Dial M for Murder* and the Holiday Cabaret. She reported on This Century Art Gallery's exhibition of work by Dorothy Grebos and noted that This Century Gallery's 50th Anniversary exhibition will be on view until November 15 at the Williamsburg Library. She said that the fall series of classes at the new This Century Gallery Art Education Center begins this week.

Ms. Buntrock reported on a successful Cultural Alliance ALLI Awards and noted that local award recipients included Louis Vosteen of the Williamsburg Heritage Dancers and the Williamsburg Garden Club. Local nominees included Sally and Darrell Craig (Williamsburg Consort) and The Williamsburg Symphonia League. The 2010 ALLI Awards ceremony will take place in Phoebus at the American Theatre. She congratulated Ms. Weisberg and the Cultural Alliance of Greater Hampton Roads for the successful launch of the "Creative Conversations" to celebrate National Arts and Humanities Month.

Ms. Weisberg reported that CAPA will perform the *Nutcracker* and the Virginia Stage Company will present *A Christmas Carol*. She reminded commissioners that the Andy Warhol exhibition will be at the Muscarelle Museum from November 7, 2009 through January 17, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terry Buntrock, Secretary